

Docket Clerk

AMS Fruit and Vegetable Programs
Market Order Administration Branch
USDA Mail Stop 0237
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250-020

December 31, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are a family hop farm in Moxee, Wash. We have been in business since 1957 and are in our fourth generation of farming. We are fully in support of the proposed marketing order, as we see it necessary to help stabilize our hop industry.

We are concerned that without the marketing order the industry will continue to diminish.

Over the past several years the equity in our industry has eroded at a fast rate. Over production for several years in a row has led to returns of below costs. We see production management needed in order for the American hop industry to survive.

We have been involved in meetings, and lengthy discussions over the past year with

our industry and believe the majority
of the hop industry supports the
proposed order. We sincerely urge the
Department to allow the public hearings
and referendum on the proposed order
in the near future.

Sincerely,
Lyle Brubaker Farms LLC

We, the undersigned US hop growers, believe that it is in the best interests of our customers, merchants, and growers to have a healthy US hop industry and that the proposed Federal Marketing Order will provide the structure and stability necessary to achieve this goal.

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